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REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are now pending in this application, with claims 1 and 2 being independent claims. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended, while claims 15 and 16 are newly added.

Regarding Double Patenting

In the present official action, the claims were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over three pending applications: Application No. 10/750,922; Application No. 10/751,099; and Application No. 10/750,702. Each having the title "Parallel Data Link Layer Controllers in a Network Switching Device." Applicants have filed herewith the appropriate terminal disclaimers. Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

In The Claims

In the present official action, independent claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Crinion et al. (US Patent No. 6,181,699). Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 2 and respectfully assert that these claims as now presented are not anticipated by Crinion. In particular, both claim 1 and 2 have been amended to include the limitation such that "each of said one or more MACs includes a MAC preprocessor and a MAC postprocessor". Neither Crinion nor any of the cited references, whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, anticipate, disclose, teach, suggest or render obvious the present invention as now claimed. Applicants respectfully assert that claims 1 and 2 are patentable over the cited references.

Regarding the rejections of claims 3-16, as these claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 2, and therefore incorporate all the limitations therein, for the reasons set forth above with respect to independent claim 2, Applicants respectfully assert that these claims are also patentable over the cited references.

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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, please contact the undersigned attorney at 512-306-8533 at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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